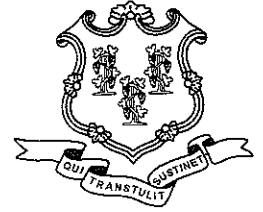


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Senator Prague, Representative Ryan and members of the Labor Committee, I am Ron San Angelo of the Department Of Information Technology and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 242.

DOIT urges caution with any provisions that might affect the state's ability to contract with global IT or telecommunication vendors, or those headquartered outside of the United States.

The legislation, as currently written, would require contractors to guaranty or certify that they would not engage subcontractors, persons or groups of persons outside of the United States for work on state contracts.

The prohibition may affect the state's ability to contract with global vendors such as IBM, AT&T, Microsoft, and Computer Associates since they must "warrant," that is, guarantee or certify that they would not engage person outside of the United States for work on our contracts.

It would also immediately disqualify Canadian vendors, such as Sierra Systems and Cybermation, who do most of their work in the United States but are headquartered in Canada where some of the work is sometimes performed.

If they cannot "engage a person or a group of persons at a site located outside the United States" they may not be able to use their current employees who may be expert in the areas needed such as software programmers or engineers.

The ability to draw upon global resources in the event of an urgent service need is essential. In addition, the emergence of cloud computing in the delivery of routine IT applications and services must also be considered. This legislation could scale back its viability as an option in the future.

It is for this reason that we urge caution and care in consideration of this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.